

**MINUTES OF THE
CRIME REDUCTION TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, October 27, 1999 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Robert F. Montgomery, Senate Chair
Rep. John E. Swallow, House Chair
Sen. Paula Julander
Sen. Robert Muhlestein
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Perry L. Buckner
Rep. Blake D. Chard
Rep. Gary F. Cox
Rep. Greg J. Curtis

Members Absent:

Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

Staff Present:

Ms. Chyleen A. Arbon, Research Analyst
Mr. Keith M. Woodwell, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Vanessa Thompson, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Task Force Business - Sen. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Muhlestein moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Curtis absent for the vote.

2. Crime Reduction Plan Update - Ms. Camille Anthony, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), distributed a draft copy of "Utah Crime Reduction Plan" (Volume I and II). Ms. Anthony explained the format and data contained in the respective reports. Ms. Anthony also distributed a report entitled, "Report to the Legislature on Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination: Public Safety Standards and Programs – October 1999." She discussed the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the crime reduction plan.

Mr. Wayne Shepard, Executive Director, Utah Chiefs of Police Association, explained the benefits of working with CCJJ in formulating the plan to reduce crime. Mr. Shepard stated that reducing drug-related crime will significantly reduce overall crime rates in Utah.

Ms. Anthony explained that the responsible agency to carry out each objective and a time frame for completion of each objective are not included in the report and will be re-evaluated at a later time. She invited all interested parties to contribute to the plan as it will be in a continual state of development.

Chair Swallow suggested that the Judiciary Interim Committee and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee be invited to review and contribute to the report.

3. Substance Abuse Services Continuum and Pilot Project Update - Mr. Dave Walsh, Director, Programs and Budget, CCJJ, distributed a handout entitled, "Proposed Continuum of Substance Abuse Services for Solving Utah's Drug-Related Crime Problem." Mr. Walsh also provided a handout entitled, "A Proposed Pilot BOPP Drug Board." He discussed the costs and estimated savings of creating a drug board hearing pilot project, as well as the outcome measures of the program. Mr. Walsh also provided a handout which demonstrates the benefits and costs for implementing drug courts statewide.

Mr. Rick Schwermer, Assistant Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, explained the average cost per person and the parameters for admission to the drug court program.

Mr. Walsh also discussed the drug board hearing concept for juveniles with a handout entitled, "Pathways-Plus: A Pilot Project for Intensive and Residential Alcohol and Drug Services." He indicated that because of the intensive nature of the juvenile program, it would cost more than the adult program. However, there would be more money saved by intervening earlier in the lives of youth.

4. Organizational Structure of Crime Fighting and Responsibility in Utah - Ms. Anthony provided a handout entitled, "Organizational Structure of Crime Fighting and Responsibility in Utah." Ms. Anthony discussed the organizational structure and the roles and responsibilities of the three levels and branches of government in fighting crime. She emphasized the role of CCJJ as a coordinating body of the various parts of the criminal justice system.

5. Audit Report - Criminal Justice Planning in Utah - Mr. Rick Coleman, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, Mr. Wayne Welsh, Legislative Auditor General, and Mr. Darin Underwood, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, provided copies of their audit report entitled, "Report to the Utah Legislature Number 99-07 – A Performance Audit of Criminal Justice Planning in Utah, October 1999." Mr. Underwood provided a slide presentation highlighting areas of importance for the task force.

Mr. Underwood's presentation focused on:

- improving criminal justice data;
- adding resources for evaluation;
- implementing a system-wide criminal justice strategic planning process; and
- reviewing the placement of CCJJ in the governor's office.

6. Responses to Audit Report - Ms. Anthony and Captain Stuart Smith, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Public Safety, responded to the Legislative

Auditor's report. Captain Smith stated that the automated reporting system is not available to all agencies. He said that the agencies are reluctant to be forced to do anything without the funding to do so.

Ms. Anthony expressed concern about the confidentiality constraints in the audit process. She expressed concern that the Commission was not allowed to review the report until it was released. Ms. Anthony also explained the benefits of CCJJ being located in the governor's office.

Mr. Pat Fleming, Associate Director, Substance Abuse Administration, Department of Human Services, reminded the committee of the need for enhanced treatment of those incarcerated and those on parole.

7. Other Items/Adjourn - Rep. Bigelow moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Montgomery absent for the vote. Chair Swallow adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

